

AUGUSTA RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT 2017 YOUTH SOCCER RULES

- A. Entry Level Date: October 1, 2017 (Must be 4 years old before October 1st)
Age Control Date: August 1, 2017
- B. Standard United States Soccer Federation rules covered by Federation International Football Association with local amendments will govern play.
- C. **The Ball:**
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| 5 & Under | #3 |
| 7 & Under | #3 |
| 9 & Under | #4 |
| 11 & Under | #5 |
| 13 & Under | #5 |
- D. **Players to start each game:**
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| 5 & Under | 5 |
| 7 & Under | 5 |
| 9 & Under | 8 |
| 11 & Under | Maximum 11 – Minimum 8 |
| 13 & Under | Maximum 11 – Minimum 8 |
- Teams will change field direction at halftime.
 - Each game will start with equal number of players.
- E. **Duration of Match:**
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| 5 & Under | 2 X 20 minute halves with 10 minute halftime |
| 7 & Under | 2 X 20 minute halves with 10 minute halftime |
| 9 & Under | 2 X 20 minute halves with 10 minute halftime |
| 11 & Under | 2 X 25 minute halves with 10 minute halftime |
| 13 & Under | 2 X 25 minute halves with 10 minute halftime |
- F. **SUBSTITUTION:** Substitution of all players on the sidelines must be made upon the signal of the referee at the midpoint of the first and second halves. Substitution for an injury may be made upon the signal of the referee.
- G. All jewelry, watches, chains, hair barrettes and earrings must be removed. Glasses may be worn at the player's own risk.
- H. Parents and Spectators will be required to remain on the bleacher side of the field.
- I. The children need:
- rubber cleats or tennis shoes
 - sweatshirt and sweatpants (under uniform for cold weather)
 - shin guards are mandatory for all age groups

J. **PLAYING TERMS**

1. **Kickoff**

Means by which the game is started. The ball is placed in the center circle at midfield. One player must kick the ball forward. That player may not kick the ball again until another player touches it first.

2. **Goal or Score**

A team is awarded 1 point when the entire ball completely crossed the goal line.

3. **Off-Sides**

A foul that occurs when the ball is played to another offensive player and that player does not have two defensive players between him/her and the goal.

4. **Throw-In**

Means by which the ball is put back into play after it crosses the out of bounds lines bordering the side of the field. The ball must be thrown with both feet on or behind the sideline. Both feet must remain in contact with the ground until the release of the ball. The ball must also be thrown with both hands directly from behind and over the head.

5. **Goal Kick**

Means by which the ball is put back into play when an offensive player kicks it out of bounds across the end-line. A defensive player must place the ball within the half of the goal box on the side closest to where the ball went out of bounds. That player may then kick the ball from there to put it back into play. All offensive players must be outside the penalty area.

6. **Corner Kick**

Means by which the ball is put back into play when a defensive player kicks it out of bounds across the end-line. An offensive player must set the ball in the semi-circle at the corner flag and kick the ball to put it back into play.

7. **Free Kick**

A kick awarded to a player following a foul by a player of the opposite team. (Example: a foul for pushing.) On a free kick, the defense may set up a "wall" no closer than 10 yards in front of the kicker.

8. **Penalty Kick**

A free kick awarded when the foul is committed with the penalty area. A penalty kick is taken 12 yards in front of the goal with only the goalie on the goal line to defend.

9. **Goalie Stops**

The goalie is the only player on the team who can use his/her hands provided he/she remains with the penalty area. After making a stop, the goalie may take 4 steps before kicking or throwing the ball back into play. The goalie may kick the ball off the ground, punt it, throw it, or roll the ball.

K. **UNIFORMS**

1. All youth uniforms will be furnished by the Augusta Recreation, Parks and Facilities Department and must be worn in all games.
2. Any coach who wishes to add players' names to the back of the jerseys may do so at their own expense. Absolutely NO NICKNAMES will be allowed on the jersey. Only the players legal first or last name will be permitted.

L. **INSURANCE**

1. All players must be covered by insurance. If you do not have private insurance you must purchase it from the Recreation Department insurance carrier.
2. All injuries requiring an insurance claim must be reported to the recreation office. Injured players must be cleared by the Recreation Department before they may resume play or practice.

M. **FORFEITS**

Game time is forfeit time.

N. **POLICIES**

1. Coaches are not allowed to add players to their rosters. This must be handled by the Recreation Department.
2. Practice sessions are limited to 1 ½ hours from the scheduled starting time. Saturday practices are allowed but not recommended. No more than 3 practices a week.
3. The Recreation Department must approve in advance any scheduled practice games with teams outside your district or our department.
4. **Only three coaches will be allowed within the area of the players' bench.**
5. ONLY ONE coach may confer with the referee.
6. In case of rain, the referee or Recreation Department staff person shall determine the playability of the field. Should the first game be called for rain or wet conditions, all following games shall also be called.
7. The attitude and discipline of each team is the responsibility of the coach.
8. Any player, coach, or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner may be asked to leave the park and might be subject to further disciplinary action. COACHES are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans.
9. In case of disciplinary problems, it is the coaches' responsibility to notify the Recreation Department by 4:00 p.m. on game day. The Recreation Department must clear all disciplinary problems.
10. The Recreation Department has the authority to remove any coach, player, or spectator at any time for breaking rules and regulations.
11. The Recreation Department also reserves the right to alter the above listed rules and regulations in order to best serve the needs of the program.

EACH COACH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOING OVER THESE RULES WITH THEIR PLAYERS AND PARENTS

O. **BLOOD RULE**

A player, coach, or official who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time considered reasonable is left up to the referee's judgment. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a change is required. The umpire shall:

1. Stop the game and allow treatment if the injured player would affect the continuation of the game.
2. Immediately call a coach, trainer or any other authorized person to the injured player.
3. Apply the rules of the game regarding substitutions, short hand rule and re-entry if necessary.

P. PARTICIPATION POLICY

All athletic programs for youth offered through the Augusta Recreation, Parks and Facilities Department are governed by a Participation Policy which states all team members must be allowed to actively participate a designated amount of time each game. Parents who experience problems with coaches not abiding by this policy are asked to notify the Recreation Department.

Q. SPECIAL REQUEST

Special Request for league changes will be considered and ruled on by the Recreation Department prior to the start of each sport. Any questions about the program should be directed to the Athletic Coordinator in your area.

R. DIVISION TIE-BREAKERS

In case of a tie between two teams in the same division at the end of the regular season, the first tie-breaker will be based on a head to head basis. The team with the most head to head wins between the two teams will be declared the champion. If teams are equal in head to head competition, a one game playoff will be scheduled by the athletic staff to determine the champion.

In case of a tie between three teams in the same division at the end of the regular season, each team will draw a number (1,2,3) to determine which team will receive the bye. The team drawing the number 1 will receive the bye and the teams drawing numbers 2 and 3 will play each other. The winner of that game will play team number 1 to determine the division champion.

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